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November 13, 2018

RE: Letter of Introduction for Field Surveys in Middle Columbia-Hood Watershed, OR.

Dear Resident,

Sherman County has been working collaboratively with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD), and local communities to better identify flood risk in the Middle Columbia-Hood Watershed. This effort includes a new flood study on several streams in the watershed that will ultimately be used to update the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map and provide the County with valuable flood risk information.

A very important part of accurately assessing flood risk is field surveys, to understand how conditions on the ground may impact flooding. FEMA's contractor, STARR II (represented by MAPCA Surveys), will be conducting field surveys across the watershed during the next several months. The purpose of these surveys is obtaining channel cross-sections, identifying or establishing elevation reference marks, and obtaining the physical dimensions of hydraulic and flood control structures. The field surveyors will make every effort to stay on public land and rights-of-way; it may occasionally be necessary for the surveyors to briefly access privately owned property to gather survey information on stream channels, bridges, culverts, and dams. Should this occur in your area, a representative of STARR II will attempt to contact the property owner in advance and seek permission to enter the property. Surveyors will not trespass and will only collect information related to flood risk. They will respect landowners' property and will not interfere with their use of it. Survey crews will be in and around the County from November 2018 through July 2019, and the fieldwork will be performed Monday through Sunday during daylight hours. Upon request, the surveyors will identify themselves by driver's license and this letter of introduction.

The County respectfully requests that the public allow STARR II survey crews proper and safe access to the areas that are included in the attached scope of work. This will allow us to prepare a more accurate assessment of flood risk in our community.

Thank you for your cooperation in this important effort. If you have any question regarding this matter, feel free to contact myself or one of the following individuals:

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